

REMARKS

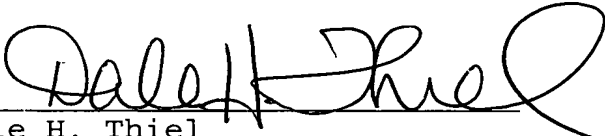
Original application Claims 1-18 are cancelled herein, and replaced by Claims 19-48 as presented above. Examination of the newly presented claims is respectfully requested.

More specifically, newly presented Claims 19-37 correspond to the claims previously allowed in parent application Serial No. 09/927 889, with newly presented independent Claims 19, 20, 21 and 37 respectively corresponding to allowed parent application Claims 4, 5, 8 and 25.

With respect to remaining newly presented Claims 38-48, at least some of these claims are patterned after claims which were presented in the parent application by virtue of an Amendment After Final Rejection, which claims were previously not considered for allegedly raising new issues and/or search. With respect to these claims, however, they all define therein features which are believed to represent a significant improvement with respect to both a new process as well as a non-obvious process in comparison to the prior art, such as U.S. Patent No. 4 380 477 (Saunders) and British Patent No. 631 417 (Vauxhall). Both of these latter patents disclose processes wherein opposed nozzle members are provided, but one member emits an abrasive mixture, where the other emits solely a fluid, and as such these patents do not recognize or even disclose the improved performance and efficiency, as well as control, which can be achieved when the process utilizes opposed nozzles which directly emit and impact substantially identical abrasive-carrying streams. These patents also do not in any way recognize or teach the advantageous performance which can be achieved when utilizing the process of the present invention, specifically with respect to a workpiece or casting having properties of the type disclosed and claimed herein, such as when the casting has an interior chamber provided with different cross sections, and/or a communication with a transverse passage.

All of the claims currently pending herein are accordingly believed allowable, and further and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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